

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 690

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Steve E. Moore of Memphis.

WHEREAS, February 7, 2016, was the 50th anniversary of the National Football League's (NFL) Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl, the NFL recognized all players who participated in one of the past forty-nine Super Bowl games; and

WHEREAS, the NFL also reached out to the high schools who produced these outstanding players; and

WHEREAS, the NFL envisioned that through this special recognition, the young athletes currently enrolled in high school would be encouraged to excel and realize that they too can become an NFL player on a Super Bowl caliber team; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy player was the late Steve E. Moore of Memphis, a member of the New England Patriots of the NFL who was honored posthumously; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis in 1960, Mr. Moore was the son of Elmer Moore, Jr., and Erma Moore. His parents instilled a strong foundation of community service, political activism, and scholarship for Steve Moore and his siblings to build upon; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Fairley High School, Mr. Moore played football for Tennessee State University before signing with the New England Patriots as an offensive lineman in 1983; and

WHEREAS, during his exceptional five-season career with the Patriots, he was dubbed "The House" for his dominance on the gridiron and competed in Super Bowl XX against the Chicago Bears; and

WHEREAS, despite his incredible physicality, he was affectionately regarded as a "gentle giant" by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, tragically, upon returning to Memphis, Mr. Moore was killed in October 1989, during a robbery outside of a convenience store; and

WHEREAS, despite his regrettably short life, Steve Moore left behind an indelible legacy of integrity, compassion, and loyalty on and off the football field and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should join with the NFL in paying tribute to the life of this exemplary athlete and extraordinary human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory and celebrate the life of Steve E. Moore, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.